

OPINION 1760

Rhipidocystis Jaekel, 1901 (Echinodermata, Eocrinoidea): *R. baltica* Jaekel, 1901 designated as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Rhipidocystis* Jaekel, 1901 prior to that by Hecker (1940) of *Rhipidocystis baltica* Jaekel, 1901 are hereby set aside.

(2) The name *Rhipidocystis* Jaekel, 1901 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Rhipidocystis baltica* Jaekel, 1901, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *baltica* Jaekel, 1901, as published in the binomen *Rhipidocystis baltica* (specific name of the type species of *Rhipidocystis* Jaekel, 1901), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2760

An application for the designation of *Rhipidocystis baltica* Jaekel, 1901 as the type species of *Rhipidocystis* Jaekel, 1901 was received from Dr S.V. Rozhnov (*Paleontological Institute, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia*) on 16 February 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 41–42 (March 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from Dr R.P.S. Jefferies (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) and Prof G. Ubags (*Sprimont, Belgium*) were published in BZN 50: 57 (March 1993).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 42. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Štys.

No votes were received from Trjapitzin and Uéno.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Štys commented that insufficient information had been given on the current status of *Rhipidocystis gigas* Jaekel, 1901 and how its acceptance as the type species of *Rhipidocystis* would affect the concepts of this and other genera (cf. paras. 2–4 of the application).

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

baltica, *Rhipidocystis*, Jaekel, 1901, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen geologischen Gesellschaft*, 52(4): 665, text-fig. 3.

Rhipidocystis, Jaekel, 1901, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen geologischen Gesellschaft*, 52(4): 672.